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bill that was to be presented before the Education Committee this year that would have dealt with this. At the 11th hour, at 11:30 they asked that the bill not be heard and it leaves the District sitting there waiting for them to make up their mind and I think that is unfortunate. I ask of this body, that is a small District, it cannot absorb that kind of cost, and I ask that this body amend this until such time as the Education Department can make whatever change they wish to make, but at this moment, they have eight children up there in that small district that are wards of the court. It was the intent of the state to relieve a district from the cost of wards of a court where there is no property value to back them. In this case, it is 8 in a small district and I would ask that this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, may I ask Senator Murphy a question please.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Murphy, could we make this amendment of yours so it would include all school districts in the state that have wards of the court?

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe, Senator, that a lot of that provision is already in there, that is why I am amending this section. This section does include other wards of the court. If you are aware of other districts that have this same problem, I most certainly would be amenable to an amendment to the amendment because I think it is unreasonable that we would pay for the wards of certain courts in a school district and deny others. There are others in it at the moment.

SENATOR DUIS: I don't know whether there are or not. I was trying to head off a problem before it came up and I didn't want to get into difficulty with the bill having a specific school named in a piece of legislation. If you could say those wards of the court instead of naming one particular school district, I am trying to save your situation as well as somebody else's.

SENATOR MURPHY: The other, I believe, Senator Duis, the other, the balance of the bill does include other wards of the court in the state. These are wards of an Iowa court and I made it specific with regard to Ponca so that if there was any question, the Department of Education would be required to make this payment. So far they have arbitrarily and of their own volition refused to do so and yet they do not come forward, in fact, they struck a bill that Senator Lewis had before his Committee at the 11th hour this year leaving these people no recourse.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you. I want to be of help to you but I wanted to be sure that there were not any wards of the courts from other states and other towns and they had the